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In response your WIROM 5766 (not rptd Cairo), Senate Appropriations Committee Abu Simbel Hearings on ~~WXX~~ appropriation request scheduled for June 2. Expect hearing that Government witnesses be completed that date. Department informed ~~XXXXX~~ a few private individuals have requested opportunity to appear before Committee.

No date yet scheduled such appearances.

Past month marked by following developments:

1. Substantial editorial comment mostly favorable to U.S. contribution has continued in widely separated parts of country. Unusual example is favorable comment Chicago Tribune.

2. A number of private citizen conversations with members Congress have been reported.

Secretary
3. ~~XXXXX~~ has sent letters Chairman McClellan and Senators Margaret Chase Smith and Saltonstall outlining importance U.S. contribution.

FYI: 4. Mohammad Habib told McCullough he accompanied UAR Ambassador Kamel to White House last ~~WXX~~ week on another matter; in course conversation question Abu Simbel arose and according to Habib President reportedly expressed strong support. / FYI. END

While considerable activity has taken place, it would be unwise to predict final outcome. According to present ~~WXX~~ Congressional plans it seems

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reasonable to expect final action by August 1. However, if UNESCO Secretariat fixing date for next meeting Executive Committee, request date be set between August 19 and September 1. Consistent with our earlier posture, we wish to avoid any estimate that would give undue encouragement about final outcome since only greater disappointment would result if outcome unfavorable. At same time it should be clear Administration is making all reasonable efforts to secure approval U.S. contribution,

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